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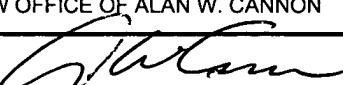
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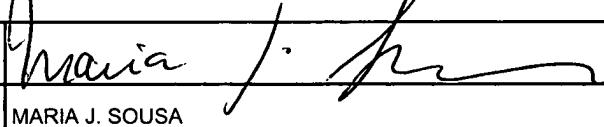
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 13, 2005 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 13, 2006. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.